

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2004  
TADMUCK COMMUNITY CENTER  
7:15 A.M.**

Members Present: Christopher A. Romeo (Chair), Scott Hazleton, Andrea P. Sweet, Mary Trubey, Elaine Nickerson, Ann Eno, Carl Lyman, Jim Silva, Diane Holmes Absent: Douglas Deschenes, Lauren Coffey, Bruce Caldwell Non voting members present: Chris Pude, Jennifer Burke

Guests: Bob Jefferies, Selectmen & Ellen Harde, Westford Resident

Minutes:

On a motion by Ms. Trubey, seconded by Ms. Eno, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2004 meeting as written.

Affordable Housing Plan:

Mr. Jefferies said that he would like to apologize if he offended anyone by his comments during the Plan presentation to the BOS. His concern was only for how the plan will be implemented. Ms. Nickerson indicated that the implementation will be done by the community as a cooperative effort. One Committee should not be left to do it all.

Mr. Romeo acknowledged that it was an ambitious plan. He updated the Committee that the plan has been sent to the State for approval.

Ms. Harde said that she thinks Westford should make its own rules when it comes to affordable housing. She knows that there are houses in Forge Village that are already affordable housing. She thinks we should identify and qualify those houses. She would be willing to help with the process.

The Committee would like to invite officials from the Town of Bedford to a meeting to discuss the ECHO program.

Ms. Burke asked the Committee where they would like to see copies of the plan for public view. Some suggestions were: The library, town hall, senior center, Roudenbush, the counter outside the Town Clerk's office and Chris Pude's office. They also suggested forwarding the executive summary to all Boards and Committees as well as a link on the web site.

House at 137 Concord Road:

Ms. Harde was present to discuss her efforts in locating a place to move the house at 137 Concord Road. She has spoken with the developer. He is Ok with the move as long as the cost is not more than demolition. She has spoken with the owner of Wolf Den Antiques. The house

can be stored there until a permanent home is found. Ms. Harde has located a 2-acre parcel on Hildreth Street that is owned by the Town. She feels this would be a good location for affordable housing. If the Committee is interested she will get more information and report back at the next meeting.

As a consensus the Committee liked the idea of using the house for affordable housing. Ms. Peraner-Sweet would like to look at additional properties. For example Lane's End was an open space subdivision, but using a piece of that can be investigated.

Ms. Holmes also questioned using the Hildreth Street lot. She said that the Land Acquisition Oversight Committee is looking at publicly and privately owned lots that will be good for affordable housing.

Mr. Jeffereies expressed his thoughts that Hildreth Street is an important place for affordable housing.

The Committee asked that this item be added to the next agenda.

Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be May 12 at 7:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.